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Senate/House: []
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Incoming: Honorable Charles S. Robb

Subject: Spectrum auctions: use of Small Business Administration
section 8(a) contractors in our implementation of
competitibe bidding sessions.

Background: Second Report and Order, adopted March 8, 1994, established
rules and procedures for the Commission's spectrum auctions. No
mention, however, of who to hire to operate the auctions.

Outgoing: We are in the process of hiring an SBA section 8(a)
contractor

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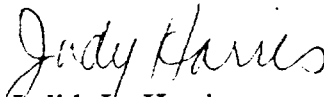
The Honorable Charles S. Robb
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Dear Senator Robb:

Thank you for your letter concerning the Commission's establishment of competitive bidding procedures to award licenses for personal communications services (PCS), pursuant to the provisions of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA). You specifically request that the Commission consider the use of the Small Business Administration's (SBA's) Section 8(a) program as the vehicle for implementing our spectrum auctions. You also note that this approach will enable the Commission to further several objectives of the OBRA.

I am pleased to inform you that the Commission has contracted with the SBA and has hired a contractor under the Section 8(a) program for its first auction. The use of this SBA program will advance the Commission's goal of conducting auctions for PCS licenses expeditiously, while affording an opportunity for small and minority businesses to participate in the federal procurement process.

Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I understand you will soon determine the process to be used to establish and conduct the FCC spectrum auction for Personal Communications Services. I am writing to request that you consider using the Small Business Administration's 8(A) process as a contract vehicle for conducting the auctions.

The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 mandates that the FCC initiate competitive bidding for Personal Communications Services within 270 days of enactment, May 1994. I believe that the 8(A) process will enable you to meet that requirement and allow the greatest permissible procurement vehicle to establish a reliable license auctioning system in time to meet the statutory deadlines.

I encourage the FCC to consider using the SBA 8(A) process as a contract vehicle for all electromagnetic spectrum auctions. This approach would enable the FCC to advance simultaneously several of the goals set forth in the 1993 amendments to the Communications Act. The 8(A) program enhances opportunities for small and minority businesses to participate in the Federal government procurement process. In addition, use of the 8(A) program in this instance is in the best interest of the government because it meets the statutory deadline for implementation of the auction system for deficit reduction.

Thank you for consideration and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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